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In re application of: Andres SOMMER

SERIAL NO.: 09/495,710 GROUP ART UNIT: 2882

FILED: February 1, 2000 EXAMINER: P. Hobden

TITLE: "COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY APPARATUS"

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

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Applicant and his counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the references relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The subject matter of claim 1 of the present application is a computed tomography apparatus having, among other things, a support table having a carrier and a support plate for an examination subject, with the support plate being non-displaceably mounted cantilevered to the carrier, and further having a gantry and a mechanism for moving the gantry independently of the support table.

As explained in the present specification at page 3, lines 5-7, a support table wherein the support plate is non-displaceably mounted on the carrier is much more economical in cost than a support table wherein the support plate is displaceable on the carrier, since in the latter type of support table a moving mechanism, and